**WIOA Plan Modifications – SNAP E&T Presentation – February 1, 2018**

**TITLE SLIDE: Requirements for Considerations for WIOA Unified and Combined State Plans Modifications and Beyond. This is the SNAP Employment and Training portion.**

**FIRST SLIDE:** Hello, I am Loretta Robertson a Senior Program Analyst in the SNAP Office of Employment and Training in the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

**SECOND SLIDE: SNAP E&T AS PART OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM**

Before we get into the WIOA plan modification I just want to set the stage as to how SNAP Employment and Training fits into the workforce development system.

As this slide notes – there is a common goal to help low-skilled, low-income or low-wage individuals find sustainable employment.

This is evidenced by the fact that legislation for WIOA as well as for SNAP E&T underscore the importance of connecting these individuals to job-driven training activities and breaking down the barriers which impact their successful entry into the workforce.

**THIRD SLIDE: SNAP E&T ROLE IN WIOA COMBINED STATE PLANS**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is not interested in re-inventing the wheel. As an agency we are strongly committed to working in partnership with organizations that have workforce development expertise and encourage our State SNAP agencies to do the same.

I want to make a point here – that even if SNAP E&T is not included in the WIOA combined plan – they should still be part of that strategic thinking of how the Statewide Workforce Development system will serve low-skilled individuals, while not losing site of the unique needs of low-skill and low-income individuals.

**FOURTH SLIDE: THE CURRENTLY APPROVED WIOA STRATEGIC PLAN: REFLECTIONS**

The plan should be seen as a living, breathing document – not just a compliance document.

SNAP agencies should consider any changes that they’ve made to the service delivery of E&T that are directly related to the strategic elements of the WIOA plan. This could be addition of community partners or changes to service population.

Review any goals and objectives – have the changed? Also identify any challenges or obstacles that might have impacted those goals.

**FIFTH SLIDE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTEGRATION AND ALIGNMENT IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE WIOA PLAN**

WIOA and SNAP E&T can both play an important roles to support cross-program needs. These are just some of the examples.

A couple of these examples I want to zero in on are:

That participation in WIOA is a qualifying activity for ABAWDs. Additionally, ABAWDs may meet the WIOA definition for out-of-school youth – so this is a win-win for everyone.

Also the new reporting requirements for SNAP E&T which are aligned with WIOA performance measures. However, a distinction here is that SNAP E&T does not set targets for performance.

**SIXTH SLIDE: ELEMENTS OF THE COMBINED PLAN THAT SHOULD INCLUDE SNAP E&T**

With 2/3 of job created over the next decade expected to require at least some education or training beyond high school – expanding access to education and training for SNAP recipients who have limited skills or earn low wages is critical to helping participants transition into economic self-sufficiency.

So these elements plays a part in achieving this goal.

**SEVENTH SLIDE: SNAP E&T SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

I do want to emphasize here that even if SNAP E&T is included in a Combined Plan – SNAP Agencies will still need to submit annually to FNS directly a plan that includes that fiscal year’s details for component measures, operating budget, planned fiscal year costs and projected participants levels.

**EIGHTH SLIDE: RESOURCES**

Here is a listing of some of the resources available on our website relating to Partnering with WIOA.